

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 COME-00 EB-11 LAB-06 SIL-01

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FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1700

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

AMCONSUL PERTH

AMCONSUL BRISBANE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, AS

SUBJECT: FORD STRIKE ENDS

1. AT MASS MEETING HELD MORNING JULY 23 IN MELBOURNE, FORD WORKERS VOTED TO END NINE WEEKS STRIKE AND TO RETURN TO WORK IMMEDIATELY.

2. RESPONDING TO PLEA OF RESPONSIBLE LEADERS AND TO JUSTICE JOHN MOORE OF INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL, VOTE WAS ABOUT THREE TO ONE TO OVERRIDE SHOP STEWARD MILITANTS AND TO PERMIT ORDERLY ASSESSMENT OF DISPUTE BY TRIBUNAL.

3. COMMENT: UNDOUBTEDLY STRIKE WAS PROTRACTED UNNECESSARILY BY FAULTY INTRAUNION COMMUNICATION AND BY LACK OF UNION CONTROL. MOST WORKERS INVOLVED DIRECTLY ARE IMMIGRANT GREEKS AND TURKS WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND ISSUES OR MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS UNTIL LAST FEW DAYS WHEN UNION FINALLY PROVIDED COMPETENT INTERPRETERS. THIS WAS TOTAL NO WIN SITUATION FOR  
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COMPANY, WORKERS AND UNION, EXCEPT FOR FEW LEFT

MILITANTS WHO EXPLOITED UNREST FOR FUTURE USE IN  
UNEASY UNION POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE.  
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